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In re patent application of:

Applicant(s): Suresh Patel, *et al.*

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING AND VISUALIZING APC
ASSISTED SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT
DATED DECEMBER 8, 2006

Dear Sir:

The following Reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated December 8, 2006. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.